REMARKS

The claims have been amended to conform to the election made by applicants. The inventorship does not change.

It is believed that the Office intended to include claims 94-96 in group V rather than groups I-IV since they depend on claim 91. Accordingly, these claims have been cancelled. Applicants have not sorted through the compounds of claims 97-98 at this time; as these claims depend on claim 1 as amended, only those compounds which fall within its amended scope are included in these claims.

Examination on the merits is now requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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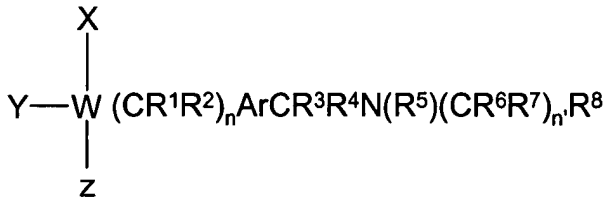
EXHIBIT A. - VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Twice amended) A compound according to Formula I:



(I)

wherein, W is a nitrogen atom and Y is void or, W is a carbon atom and Y=H;

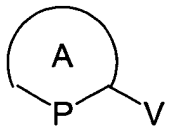
R^1 to R^7 may be the same or different and are independently hydrogen or straight, branched or cyclic C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^8 is an optionally substituted heterocyclic group or an optionally substituted aromatic group

Ar is an aromatic or heteroaromatic ring optionally substituted at single or multiple, non-linking positions with electron-donating or withdrawing groups;

n and n' are independently, 0-2;

X is a group of the formula:



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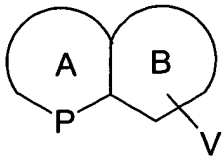

wherein, Ring A is an optionally substituted, saturated or unsaturated 5 or 6-membered ring, and P is [an optionally substituted carbon atom,] an optionally substituted nitrogen atom[, sulfur or oxygen atom];

wherein Ring B is an optionally substituted 5 to 7-membered ring;

wherein Ring A or Ring B is bound to group W from any position through group V;

wherein V is a chemical bond or V is a $(CH_2)_{n''}$ group (where n''= 0-2), or V is a C=O group; and

wherein Z is selected from the group consisting of: a hydrogen atom; an optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl group; a C_{0-6} alkyl group substituted with an optionally substituted aromatic or heterocyclic group; an optionally substituted C_{0-6} alkylamino or C_{3-7} cycloalkylamino group; and an optionally substituted carbonyl group or sulfonyl; and the pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts thereof; and

any stereoisomeric forms and mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof.

2. (Twice amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ring A is selected from the group consisting of: [benzene;] pyridine; pyrimidine; pyrazine; pyridazine; triazine; piperidine; piperazine; imidazole; pyrazole; triazole; oxazole; and thiazole and the optionally substituted forms thereof.

6. (Twice amended) The compound of claim 1, wherein Ring A and Ring B together are optionally substituted [dihydronaphthalene; tetrahydronaphthalene;] dihydroquinoline or tetrahydroquinoline.